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Hull and East Riding Advanced Motorcyclists

Editor's Note...

Happy New Year everyone, I hope you are suitably refreshed, and looking forward to the end of the winter and some opportunities to get out on your bike. The magazine still has some interesting articles regardless of the time of year. I look forward to the presentation by Paul Key on his trip, which I am sure will get lots of support. I enjoyed my yearly curry at Ross' curry run in Bradford, it was nice to see some investment in eating utensils! The magazine also opens the way for an observer who we can showcase, any ideas? Take care and stay safe, Joey



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Anyone who does not have a copy of the IAM Group Rides booklet, contact a member of the committee.

Events Diary 2009

Please arrive 15 minutes before scheduled ride time.

Date	Place	Event	Time	Ride Leader	Contact Number
January					
Sunday 24	Beverley Market Place	Run	10.00	Ross Cameron	01482 879943
February					

Fancy a run out?

Sunday meets 10am at Beverley Market Place.

Arrange amongst yourselves until weather gets warmer.

Email Address Problems

Could members notify the Secretary (Barb) if they change their email addresses. The latest press release has returned a number of email messages showing delivery failures.

Many thanks

If Beverley Market Place is closed when you arrive the alternative area is at Halfords Car Park Beverley.

Please note holders of associate membership are also eligible for the Social Ride Outs

Associate Members please be aware that the fee applicable on the Observed rides will be £8.00 per session.

To book an event
please contact
ROSS CAMERON
01482 879943

If you have an opinion on this month's articles, or any biking issue, why not let me know. I'll print your comments, although I reserve the right to edit them if required.

Thanks Joey - Editor

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**NEWS
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In The Bleak Midwinter

With an estimated 12 million drivers preparing to take to the road over the snowy period, the usual advice about avoiding unnecessary journeys is of limited use, said the IAM (Institute of Advanced Motorists). Instead, drivers should allow extra time for their journey – and avoid being over-cautious, which can sometimes create additional problems on the road.

“Too many drivers lack the skills and experience to tackle snow and icy conditions, and it shows,” said IAM Chief Examiner Peter Rodger.

“Our message to drivers is to assess the type of road you’re driving on. Going too fast is dangerous, but so too is going too slowly. In snow, you should drive slowly enough so you can stop, but also fast enough to give you the all-important momentum to deal with hills so you can avoid sliding back and getting stuck,” he said.

Local authorities may have failed to grit some rural and minor roads, but gridlock in snow over the recent days is likely to get worse as more drivers take to the road.

“Give yourself plenty of time. And prepare your car. Listen to travel and weather bulletins and plan your route using the main roads as much as possible.”

Mr. Rodger said that common faults included cars travelling far too close to the vehicle in front, not allowing nearly enough room to stop, and overcautious driving, with drivers causing queues

in their wake, particularly approaching slopes and hills.

For those drivers who have no option but to take to the road, the IAM has repeated its advice for motorists:

Is your journey really necessary? If it is, plan it and give yourself plenty of time. Tell someone your intended route and how long you think it's going to take. Listen to the radio for details about road and weather conditions, and need police warnings.

Clean the windscreen and windows using a demisting preparation. Check that screen washers are not blocked and that the screen washer bottle is topped up and has a winter additive to stop it freezing. Check that the windscreen wipers are in good condition and work effectively.

Ensure that all lights, brake lights, indicators are working properly and the lenses are clean, and free of snow and ice.

Ensure that tyres are in good condition and are properly inflated.

Keep your speed down and increase the safety gap between you and the vehicle in front because your stopping distances increase dramatically and can take up to ten times longer to stop when the road is wet or icy.

There is lots of ice, so avoid skids by braking, steering, acceleration, decelerating and gear changing very gently. If a skid occurs, no matter how strong the temptation, do not brake. Instead, lose speed by gently easing the pressure on the accelerator pedal and, if appropriate, de-clutch.

Why not tell your friends club meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of every month at the Kingston Bowling Club, Ash Grove, Hull, HU5 1LU at 7.30pm
Meetings are open to full, associate and prospective members.

Ross' Boxing Day Curry Run to Bradford

Ross' clan enjoy the food. It is clear Ross is making some sort of peace gesture, maybe the curry has got the better of him!



Another load of suspects at the curry run. No complaints from any of these, the food was traditional, original and enjoyed by even the smallest member of the group!

Historic Motorcycles (as seen on Hairy Bikers)

Below are this years opening dates for the M & C Collection of Historic Motorcycles (as seen on Hairy Bikers). It is located at Tannery House, Matlock Street, Bakewell, DE45 1EE. Contact is Phil Crosby 01629 815011. Phil will open for groups outside of these dates and charges £3.00 per person and that includes tea and biscuits. Normal entry fee is £2.00. Children free if accompanied by adult. All the money raised goes to a local charity. They are open 11am to 5pm on the following dates.

3,4,5th April
1,2,3rd May 2
9,30,31st May
24,25,26th & 31st July,
1,2 August 7,8,9th August 14,15,16th August 21,22,23rd August & 28,29,30th August

It is a little gem, with over 40 bikes on display, all are runners. There is all the other stuff that goes with biking dating back to 1890's through to the 1960's. , it is a great place for a run out. Phil will organise parking off road and free if a party books in.

Thanks,
Bill Storey Matlock Group

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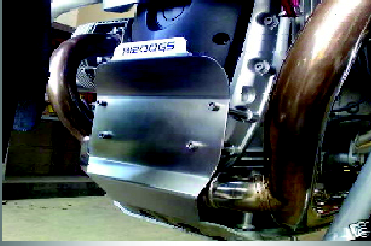
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Thoughts Anyone?



Saw the interesting article on the sump guard for the GS. From an engineering point of view, could this affect the engine oil temperature? The guard appears to be cutting off cooling air to the exhaust cross-pipe and could potentially allow high temperatures around the front cover, especially in hot climates/traffic. All the guards made by Touratech have vent holes in for free air flow.

Would be interested to hear what a GS expert thinks,

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Has our group got an observer we wish to showcase in Advanced Driving?

For the Spring 2010 issue of Advanced Driving, the magazine is aiming to interview members about why they decided to step up their involvement to become an observer. Clearly, the main messages will be about giving something back, contributing to road safety and of course continuing to improve their own driving skills. The aim would be to speak to and picture the observer with an associate/newly qualified member. We are seeking a range of ages and interesting angles. Anybody who would like to nominate someone (or themselves) please pass names to our Secretary (Barb).

Ladies and Gentlemen

On behalf of Kent Advanced Motorcycle group I would like you invite you all to help us celebrate 30 years of improving road safety while having fun at the same time.

KAMG was started by a Police rider called Terry Friday who wanted to help local riders to improve their standard of riding. At first the IAM were reluctant as it was a car club only but gave way after Terry went ahead anyway this caught on and the rest is history.

As part of our anniversary Celebration we intend to ride around the UK in seven days taking in Northern Ireland as well. As we do this we also intend to raise money for two worthwhile National charities being National Association of Disabled Bikers (nabd.org.uk) and Children in need (www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey).

We intend to commence our ride on the 12th June 2010 and finish on the following Sunday 19th possibly with a circuit of Brands Hatch then onto a venue where we will have stands and food etc.

We would very much like all bike groups to support us in this endeavour by suggesting a particular route to take "as yet not finalised" or possibly helping us to raise money by local publicity and money collection. You will also be more than welcome to join us for a section if you wish as this could raise the profile of all local IAM groups as well.

Also if there are any members in your group who run or know of any B&B's or would be prepared to house tired riders overnight we would very much like to hear from them.

Barb (our Secretary) has offered a place to sleep for five at her place and agreed to lead them through our territories! Anybody else who wishes to help please contact Martin on the email address below.

Any group that would like to join us please respond via E-mail to 302010@kamg.org.uk

Thank you in advance

Martin Stevens

Observer/committee member/Regalia

All Seasons

Well yet another year has passed us by and if you are reading this it must mean your IAM training has kept you in good stead, now I ride a GS and have noticed the growth in numbers of the same type of bike some thing that will take you on all types of roads without to much discomfort you might even say these bikes bring a sort of smugness to the owners people call them tractors, mud chuckers, call 'em what you like but until you have experienced what I call a all roads bike don't knock 'em because you don't know what you are missing, remember the days when a little gravel in the road made you tighten your grip as well as your buttocks on those road tyres, might do well on ordinary roads but haven't you past a small track or potted road and thought where does that go, well with the correct bike you could find out. With all the new speed restrictions that are about to be bestowed upon us. I am finding less pleasure riding on roads full of angry car, lorry and even bikers who own all the road and if its not a sports bike it shouldn't be on the road type people it takes all sorts I know but I much prefer the views of the back roads the challenge of the odd tractor or two coming towards you and those nice girls on there horses tipping there caps in thanks for slowing down or even stopping to let them pass ,a wave from the walkers with there dogs pheasants or grouse running across the road, the hare running hell for leather in front of you as you think just move to the side, lush fields yielding crops of barley, wheat, bright yellow rapeseed bending and waving in the warm summer winds every season has its own beauty if you can be bothered to look smell and taste what's out there . As we come to winter remember the once packed A roads now become less congested and if its icy time to stick where the gritters tread, well for all you pocket rocket boys and girls who put the bikes away for winter think of us back road boys running noses cold fingers but glad to ride and be free all seasons and all weathers all times see you all soon, now where did I put my pipe and slippers!

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IAM response: Government's stance on dangerous driving announced today The IAM (Institute of Advanced Motorists) has welcomed the tough stance on dangerous driving but stressed that enforcement is still the key.

The vast majority of law abiding drivers will be pleased to see the Government's commitment to clamping down on dangerous driving.

"The key to ensuring that any new laws are effective in reducing deaths on the roads will be high profile enforcement," said IAM Policy Director Neil Greig.

"Dangerous driving cannot be enforced by camera and more traffic police will be needed to catch those drivers who flaunt the law."

The IAM believes that the range of offences and penalties now available will allow courts and prosecution authorities to choose the right offence first time, every time.

Trip for Charity

You may remember in last month's magazine an article sent in by club member Paul Key. He hopes to ride across to the Lake District, taking in all 5 passes in the Lakes, (Hardknott, Wrynose, Honister, Whinlatter and Kirkstone) before returning home., this totals around 450 miles. Paul has asked to give a presentation at February's club meeting



to give an overview of how he hopes to achieve this. It will also give you time to ask questions and clarify any areas you may wish to get more information on. Once that is cleared up we can all sign up to the challenge, enjoy the ride, see some beautiful countryside, enjoy some good company, have a fun days riding and thoroughly enjoy ourselves. I can't wait!!

Advanced Driving UK - Why reduce the speed limit to 50mph on rural roads?

Advanced-Driving.co.uk - the UK's most popular website for safe road driving, condemns the recent Government guidance to Councils to reduce the speed limit on many rural roads to 50mph. Why? Because it's not roads that are dangerous but poorly trained drivers.

Lowering speed limits is an easy but ill-conceived and ultimately ineffective solution to tackling casualties. The wrong thinking also has no end. Why 50mph? Why not 40mph, or even 30mph?

The authorities know that most casualties occur below the posted speed limit on a given road. Trying to reduce casualties with speed limits alone would, therefore, need them to be set and rigidly enforced at levels that interfere with reasonable mobility. Official figures also show that 'exceeding the speed limit' is reported by the Police as a contributing factor in only 7% of accidents for drivers aged 17-19, and less than 2% for drivers aged over 25 who form the majority of road-users (1). Declaring more of our safe driving to be illegal is a weak and unthinking step for genuine road safety.

There is considerable concern over the ongoing proliferation of the Speed Kills campaign. This policy is continuing to create a population of drivers who do not know how to determine what a safe speed is for a given road or situation. For more than a decade, Speed Kills has been teaching people, including millions of new drivers, that just keeping to the speed limit will keep them safe. This is a dangerous form of 'zombie' driving, meaning people focus much more on their speedometer as an indicator for safety, rather than the real hazards going on around them.

Advanced-Driving.co.uk is passionate about good safe driving, and believes that setting speed limits too low works against safety. It causes frustration in the average, responsible driver and focuses the driver's mind on an arbitrary number (the limit) rather than encouraging good judgement of the speed which is safe for the conditions.

Sometimes even 30mph can be too fast for a rural road, whereas 60mph may be appropriate if the conditions are right for that road. Safety will always depend more on the circumstances than the posted limit.

The Government should be providing better driver training to stop the decline in driving ability. There are simple and teachable skills that would make drivers more aware of risk, give better control of hazards and improve the ability to select a correct and safe speed, yet these skills are not being taught. It is also not only 'young drivers' who are let down by their training and the over-emphasis on speed. Crash figures show that ALL 'new drivers' irrespective of age have high crash rates - until they start to overcome for themselves the shortcomings in what they have been taught. Clearly, new drivers improve with experience, but this should not excuse inadequate training for learner drivers from day one. Advanced-Driving.co.uk calls on the Government to abandon the simplistic and distracting focus on 'speed', and use the next decade to concentrate on tackling the fundamental failures in driver training to really improve road safety in the UK.